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WAR DEPARTMENT,
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Regulations concerning hospitals.

I...U. S. General Hospitals are under the exclusive control of the Surgeon General, and will be governed by such regulations as the Secretary of War shall approve, upon his recommendation.

II...Medical officers, commissioned in the regular or volunteer service, assigned to duty in charge of U. S. General Hospitals, acting under the instructions of the Surgeon General, and not subject to the orders of local commanders, other than those of geographical military departments or divisions, are charged with all the duties of commanding officers, and will be obeyed and respected as such.

III...Repairs, additions and alterations, involving expenditure of public funds, will in no instance be ordered by surgeons in charge, who will refer all necessary requisitions for these purposes through the Medical Director, for the recommendation of the Surgeon General and the action of the War Department.

IV...Enlisted men, fit for duty in the field, will not be detailed to or retained in General Hospitals in any capacity. Companies of the 2d Battalion, Veteran Reserve Corps, will be detailed, with or without commissioned officers, as the Surgeon General may direct, for guards, attendants, nurses, cooks, &c., at General Hospitals. Companies and detachments so detailed will be regularly mustered by surgeons in charge, commissioned in the volunteer or regular service, and will not be relieved or transferred, except by order of the Secretary of War.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

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